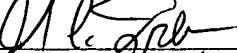


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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(3)

FOR ACCEPTANCE OF AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 AND 365(c)

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35 Your Petitioners filed the above-mentioned application on January 29, 2001. At the time of

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PCT/EP99/04972 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) in order to claim priority to the international application under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c). Since it is more than four months from the actual filing date of the application and more than sixteen months from the filing date of the international application, your Petitioners petition for the acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim under 5 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c) for the benefit of the prior filed international application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), your Petitioners are including with this Petition:

1) a check for \$1,280.00 to cover the surcharge set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t);

and

2) a statement by the undersigned that the entire delay between the date the 10 claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) and the date of this Petition was unintentional.

Should this Petition be granted, Petitioners respectfully petition the Commissioner to have the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment being concurrently filed with the present Petition entered under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3).

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Respectfully submitted,



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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)(ii)

5 I, John C. Freeman, state that the entire delay between the date the claim for the benefit of the filing date of international application PCT/EP99/04972 was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) and the date of the filing of the claim was unintentional, wherein such filing of the claim is being made concurrently with the filing of the present Statement.

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